Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10   (Canceled).

11.   (New) A camera device comprising:

a movable optical system;

a driving unit configured to drive the movable optical

system; and

a control unit configured to control the driving unit;

wherein the driving unit is configured to start driving of

the movable optical system from a housed state to a protruding

state in response to an instruction from the control unit; and

wherein the control unit is configured to perform a first

initialization which is necessary to drive the movable optical

system from the housed state, start the driving of the movable

optical system from the housed state, and then start performing

of a second initialization before the movable optical system

reaches the protruding state, the second initialization being

unnecessary to drive the movable optical system from the housed

state.

12.   (New) The camera device according to claim 11, wherein

the control unit performs an interrupt processing during the

second initialization to determine whether the movable optical

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system has been driven to the protruding state, and the control

5   unit stops the driving of the movable optical system by the

driving unit when it is determined that the movable optical

system has been driven to the protruding state.

13.   (New) The camera device according to claim 11, wherein

the control unit starts the driving of the movable optical system

before performing the second initialization when an operation

mode for photographing is set, and the control unit starts

5   performing the second initialization without driving the movable

optical system when the operation mode for photographing is not

set.

14.   (New) The camera device according to claim 11, further

comprising:

a memory configured to store a first program for driving the

movable optical system from the housed state to the protruding

5   state and a second program for controlling the camera device to

operations other than the driving of the movable optical system,

and

wherein the first initialization comprises loading of the

first program and the second initialization comprises loading of

10   the second program.

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15.   (New) The camera device according to claim 14, wherein
the first program and the second program are stored continuously.

16.   (New) The camera device according to claim 11, wherein
the driving unit drives a zoom lens included in the movable
optical system.

17.   (New) The camera device according to claim 16, wherein
the driving unit opens a mechanical shutter included in the
movable optical system.

18.   (New) The camera device according to claim 17, wherein
the control unit controls the driving unit to open the mechanical
shutter before driving the zoom lens.

19.   (New) The camera device according to claim 16, wherein
the control unit checks a battery level of the camera device
before driving the zoom lens, and the control unit starts
performing the second initialization without driving the movable
optical system when the battery level of the camera device is
lower than a predetermined level.

20.   (New) The camera device according to claim 11, wherein
the control unit powers on a battery of the camera device and the

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control unit performs the first initialization after the battery
level reaches a predetermined level.

21.   (New) The camera device according to claim 20, wherein
the control unit reads information relating to the movable
optical system that is necessary for the first initialization
before the battery level reaches the predetermined level.

22.   (New) A method of controlling a camera device
comprising a movable optical system, the method comprising:
    performing a first initialization which is necessary to
drive the movable optical system from a housed state;
5   starting driving of the movable optical system from the
housed state to a protruding state; and
    after starting the driving of the movable optical system
from the housed state, and before the movable optical system
reaches the protruding state, starting performing a second
10   initialization which is unnecessary to drive the movable optical
system from the housed state.

23.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium having a
computer program stored thereon that is executable by a computer
of a camera device that comprises a movable optical system, the

program being executable by the computer to control the camera

5   device to perform functions comprising:

      performing a first initialization which is necessary to

drive the movable optical system from a housed state;

      starting driving of the movable optical system from the

housed state to a protruding state; and

10   after starting the driving of the movable optical system

from the housed state, and before the movable optical system

reaches the protruding state, starting performing of a second

initialization which is unnecessary to drive the movable optical

system from the housed state.